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In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: 09/931,256

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: INK-JET APPARATUS EMPLOYING)
INK-JET HEAD HAVING A)
PLURALITY OF INK EJECTION)
HEATERS CORRESPONDING TO)
EACH INK EJECTION OPENING)

Examiner: A. Do

Group Art Unit: 2853

November 14, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents was cited in parent Application No. 08/579,241 or related applications. Accordingly, per 37 CFR 1.98(d) copies of the documents cited in the parent application are not being provided herewith. Copies of documents that were not cited in the parent application are being provided herewith.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/104,200	05/17/93	2853 (Pending)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S.

Application is enclosed.

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US '122 matured from Application No. 08/745,873, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/083,433, cited in the parent application. A copy is being provided herewith.

JP '259 and JP '905 are discussed on page 5 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '129, US '796, JP '847, JP '670, JP '461 and JP '260, which generally relate to ink jet recording, are discussed at pages 94-99 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US '577 is in the same patent family as JP '260.

US '824, US '479, JP '556, JP '324 and EP '097 were cited in a European Search Report of a corresponding European application and were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent application on May 23, 1996.

PCT '363, EP '387 and EP '525 were cited in a European Search Report of a corresponding European application and were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent application on August 9, 1996.

JP '568, JP '259, JP '470, JP '556, JP '568, JP '356, JP '045, JP '354, JP '446, JP '535, JP '666, JP '749, JP '951, JP '905, JP '142, JP '963, JP '902 and JP '441 were cited in four Office Actions of corresponding Japanese patent applications and were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent application on March 15, 2000. JP '568 corresponds to Japanese Patent Publication No. Sho. 62-46358. JP '259 corresponds to Japanese Patent Publication No. Sho. 62-48585.

US '288 and US '145 were cited by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated August 14, 2000, in copending Application No. 09/349,471. Copies of these documents are being provided herewith.

US '308 was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated November 29, 1999, in copending Application No. 09/349,471. A copy of this document is being provided herewith.

US '828 was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated December 28, 1999, in copending Application No. 09/349,473 and was also cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated December 23, 1999, in copending Application No. 09/349,460. A copy of this document is being provided herewith.

US '079 was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated September 13, 2000, in copending Application No. 09/349,460. A copy of this document is being provided herewith.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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